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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, May 05, 2014 – For the week ending May 4, 2014, below normal temperatures continued to persist across the state. Most areas received an inch or more of rain, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Activities included spreading fertilizer, planting, and tillage. Statewide, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 20 short, 77 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 19 short, 79 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 33 fair, 62 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 3 percent.

Spring wheat was 59 percent planted, ahead of 41 last year but behind the five-year average of 64. Eleven percent of spring wheat had emerged, ahead of 4 last year but behind 34 average.

Oats planted rated 67 percent complete, ahead of 48 percent last year and 61 average. Twenty-five percent of oats had emerged, ahead of 8 last year but behind 31 average.

Barley planted was 44 percent complete, ahead of 30 percent last year but behind 48 average. Barley emerged was 1 percent, near 3 last year but behind 21 average.

Corn planted was 25 percent complete, ahead of 6 last year and near 23 average. Corn emerged was 1 percent complete, ahead of 0 last year and near 2 average.

Soybeans were 1 percent planted, compared to 0 last year and 2 average.

Sorghum was 1 percent planted, ahead of 0 last year and equal to average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and Range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 47 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 75 good, and 9 excellent. Calving was 83 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 16 percent below normal, 82 normal, and 2 above normal.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 17 fair, 66 good, and 17 excellent. Lambing was 88 percent complete and shearing 89 percent. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 19 percent below normal, 80 normal, and 1 above normal.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the state.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-05-05-2014.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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